

4 The Result of the “8th Nikkei Environmental Management Survey” Conducted by Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc. -First place in the electricity and gas sector-

The “8th Nikkei Environmental Management Survey” was conducted in September 2004. As in the previous year, Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc. ranked first among 17 companies in the electricity and gas sector.

1 Outline of the Survey

The purpose of this survey is to evaluate and rank companies based on their commitment to environmental management①. It has been conducted every year since 1997.

The results are announced in the Nihon Keizai Shimbun and the Nikkei Sangyo Shimbun, gaining growing public interest.

The feature of this year’s survey was a new category added to evaluate environmental activities at offices, which have more room for improvement than factories or plants, for instance, by reducing greenhouse gases.

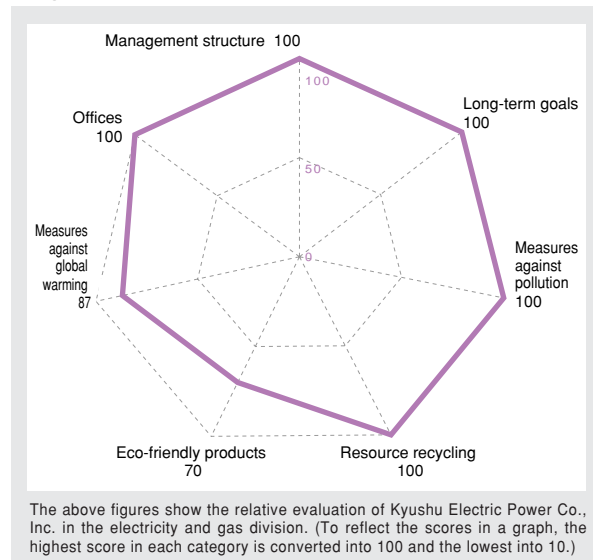
Outline of the Environmental Management Survey

Period	From September through October 2004	
Survey method	Sending questionnaire by mail and reviewing environmental reports, etc. • Survey participants include listed companies: 1,778 manufacturers and 2,240 non-manufactures (including those in the construction and electricity & gas sectors). • The valid response rates were 33.2% for manufacturers and 21.0% for non-manufacturers.	
Evaluation method	Each question (total 52 questions excluding supplemental questions) was categorized and scored in the following 7 areas. The companies were ranked based on the total score of each company by its respective sector such as manufacturing, non-manufacturing and electricity & gas sectors.	
7 categories for evaluation	Management structure	A structure or a system for an environmental accounting③ system, information disclosure and environmental education
	Long-term goals	Development of long-term goals for continuous improvements in the area of environment
	Measures against pollution	Conditions of air pollutant④ emissions; chemical substance management and measures against soil contamination⑤
	Resources recycling	Commitment to waste reduction and recycling; waste management
	Eco-friendly products	Environmental measures taken in all through product lifecycle from design to manufacture and disposal; CO ₂ emissions in the energy transfer process
	Measures against global warming	Recognizing the company’s greenhouse gas emissions; setting reduction targets; activities to achieve the targets
	Offices	Environmental measures implemented at offices

2 Kyushu Electric Power’s Environmental Management as Seen in the Survey Results

Kyushu Electric Power Group has resulted in well-established environmental management, reducing SO_x⑥ and NO_x⑦ emissions and raising the industrial waste⑧ recycling rate⑨. Also a higher utilization rate of nuclear energy contributed to a lower CO₂ emission intensity⑩. These are all highly evaluated in the survey. (Nikkei Sangyo Shimbun on December 6, 2004, etc.)

Kyushu Electric Power’s scores



We obtained the highest evaluation in 5 categories: management structure, long-term goals, measures against pollution, recycling, and offices.

The company ranked fifth among 17 companies in measures against global warming and sixth in eco-friendly products. Our analysis showed room for improvement in grasping and announcing data on environmental load⑪, which is enhanced in this report.

(Specific improvements)

- In addition to data on CO₂, data on other gases (CH₄⑫, N₂O⑬, HFC⑭, PFC⑮ and SF₆⑯) subjected to the Kyoto Protocol reduction targets is listed.

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- The report has additional information on the environmental load reduction effect of eco-friendly products that Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc. and its group companies promote and sell (e.g. EcoCute⑰, recycled fluorescent tubes, etc.).

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- Also added is the data on environmental load at an office under construction (Omarugawa Power Station Construction Office). (An on-site report will be issued by Omarugawa Power Station in fiscal 2005.)

Considering the activities of our entire group will be subject to future evaluations, and the number of group companies engaged in environmental management promotion has increased from the initial 26 to 44. Thus, we will further strive to raise standards of the entire group’s environmental activities.

Specifically, we will jointly work to fulfill the action items (the measurement and publication of greenhouse gas emissions, etc.) set under the Kyoto Protocol and the Kyoto Protocol Target Achievement Plan⑱ which was compiled by the Japanese government after the protocol took effect.